

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1 1. A method of enhancing data delivery comprising:

2 sending a first packet from a client interface to a
3 remote terminal at a first time;

4 receiving at the client interface a second packet from
5 the remote terminal at a second time;

6 determining a response time of the remote terminal at the
7 client interface based on a time period between the first time
8 and the second time;

9 using said response time to determine information related
10 to a connection speed between the remote terminal and the
11 client interface;

12 providing a plurality of different content versions, each
13 having a different amount of information, each content version
14 being optimized for a specific connection speed;

15 based on said determined connection speed, automatically
16 selecting a content version from said plurality of content
17 versions; and

18 providing the remote terminal with the selected content
19 version.

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21 2. The method of Claim 1, further comprising
22 determining a data flow rate from the determined response time

23 of the remote terminal, and wherein the determining the
24 response time comprises:

25 starting a timer at the first time when the client
26 interface sends the first packet to the remote terminal; and
27 stopping the timer at the second time when the client
28 interface receives the second acknowledgement packet from the
29 remote terminal.

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31 3. The method of Claim 1, further comprising determining
32 network congestion based on the determined response time.

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34 4. The method of Claim 1, further comprising
35 determining the response time based on a timing of a handshake
36 between the remote terminal and the client interface.

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38 5. The method of Claim 1, wherein selecting the
39 destination address from a plurality of addresses is based on
40 a requested address by the remote terminal and the determined
41 response time.

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44 6. A method of connecting a remote terminal to a server
45 comprising:

46 sending a first packet from a client interface to the
47 remote terminal;

48 receiving at the client interface a second packet from
49 the remote terminal;

50 determining a response time of the remote terminal at the
51 client interface based on a time period elapsing between the
52 first packet being sent and the second packet being received;

53 using said response time to determine a connection speed
54 between the remote terminal and the client interface;

55 providing a plurality of content versions, each content
56 version having a different amount of information at a server
57 coupled to the client interface, each content version being
58 optimized for a specific connection speed;

59 receiving a request for content;

60 based on said connection speed, selecting a version
61 corresponding to the request; and

62 communicating data indicating the selected version to the
63 remote terminal.

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65 7. The method of Claim 6, further comprising
66 determining a data flow rate from the remote terminal based on
67 the response time.

69 8. The method of Claim 6, wherein the requested
70 destination address includes a main destination address and a
71 plurality of sub-addresses, each of said sub-addresses
72 corresponding to a connection speed and optimized for a said
73 connection speed.

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75 9. The method of Claim 6, further comprising
76 determining a network congestion based on the determined
77 response time.

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79 10. The method of Claim 6, further comprising connecting
80 the remote terminal to the selected destination address.

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82 11. An apparatus, including instructions residing on a
83 machine-readable storage medium, for use in a machine-based
84 system to handle a plurality of instructions, the instructions
85 causing the machine system to:

86 send a first packet from a client interface to the remote
87 terminal;

88 receive at the client interface a second packet from the
89 remote terminal;

90 determine a response time of the remote terminal at the
91 client interface based on a time period between the first
92 packet being sent and the second packet being received;

93 use said response time to determine a connection speed
94 between the remote terminal and the client interface;

95 access a plurality of content versions, each content
96 version having a different amount of content, and each content
97 version being optimized for a specific connection speed;

98 receive a request for content;

99 based on said determined connection speed, select a
100 content version corresponding to the request; and

101 communicate the selected version to the remote terminal.

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103 12. The apparatus of Claim 11, wherein the instructions
104 further cause the machine system to connect the remote
105 terminal to the selected destination address.

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107 13. The apparatus of Claim 11, wherein the response time
108 includes effects for network congestion.

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110 14. The apparatus of Claim 11, wherein the response time
111 is determined based on the timing of a handshake between the
112 remote terminal and the client interface.